

taxpayer bailouts of large financial firms.

Wall Street reform will safeguard against the deceptive financial products that destabilized the entire economy and caused the crisis. Wall Street reform will establish an orderly process to shut down large failing financial firms like AIG or Lehman Brothers at no cost to taxpayers. Wall Street reform will protect investors from fraudulent investments like Madoff's \$65 billion Ponzi scheme. Wall Street reform will ensure that consumers aren't steered to bad, unaffordable mortgages when they qualify for good ones.

We need Wall Street reform now to ensure we never repeat the events of the financial crisis.

STOP BAILOUTS

(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, the American people are frustrated. They don't think that bailouts, government spending, and debt will ever stop. My colleagues across the aisle just don't seem to get it. They say they want to stop bailouts and make sure that the breakdown in our financial system doesn't ever happen again. But financial reform that perpetuates bailouts and limits the choices of individuals is not going to do that.

They're hoping the taxpayers won't take time to understand what the financial regulatory bills actually do. Small businesses will be hurt. Community banks will have to restrict credit. We'll only punish Main Street and slow down job growth. The proposal that passed the House and is pending in the Senate is just more big government takeover of all aspects of our financial systems and less empowerment where we need it the most.

More than 2.7 million jobs have been lost since the President signed his so-called stimulus plan. Month after month the American people still want to know, "Mr. President, where are those jobs?" Rather than creating a permanent bailout, picking winners and losers, we need real financial reform that supports Main Street.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

BORDER SECURITY

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, Arizonans are dealing with the consequences of Washington's failed border policies, and the dangers

are growing worse as cartel violence increasingly threatens our communities.

Friday's attack on a Pinal County sheriff's deputy is just the latest example. Our law enforcement is doing the best they can, but border security is a national problem. It is time for the Federal Government to start fulfilling its responsibilities. Washington needs a comprehensive strategy to tighten security and they need to provide the resources to execute the plan.

I introduced legislation to put more boots on the ground along the border, and I firmly believe that any long-term solution must include greatly expanding the Border Patrol. The Federal Government should move forward and enlist thousands of additional agents.

Since that process will take time, I call on Washington to immediately deploy the National Guard to the border. This is a necessary step for the short-term. The risks to Arizonans are too great to allow the inaction to continue.

COSPONSOR H.R. 5177

(Mr. REHBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. REHBERG. For thousands of Montana small businesses, Earth Day was just one more example of how out of touch Washington bureaucrats can be. The EPA chose Earth Day as the deadline for its new rule, the lead rule. Every contractor in Montana needed to take a training course from an EPA-certified instructor in order to work on any older building that contained lead. The trouble is Montana only has one teacher for all of our 147,000 square miles, and the EPA gave us less than 1 year to do it.

Everyone wants to make sure that lead is handled safely. But at a time when contractors are hurting from an economic downturn, we don't need to add Federal bungling to the list of challenges.

I introduced H.R. 5177 to extend the EPA deadline and give these small businesses room to breathe. Please join me in cosponsoring this bill. Our contractors are already suffering without the EPA coming after them.

IN SUPPORT OF SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIPS

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, we all know that the earthquake which struck Haiti in January was the worst cataclysm to hit the island nation in over two centuries. What you may not know, and what I would like to recognize today, is the role that sister-city relationships have played and continue to play in the efforts to provide relief to the people of Haiti.

Sister-city relationships, which today involve nearly 700 American towns and cities, are critical to the

often unheralded role of international cooperation and collaboration with our people.

A resolution I introduced today calls upon the continuation and expansion of sister-city relationships as exemplified by the partnership between the City of Bridgeport, led by the city council, and the City of Petion-Ville.

For the people of Haiti and all those who seek understanding and peace between nations, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking sister cities and helping support them in any way we can.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR DAVID KRUEGER FOR 50 YEARS AT ARKANSAS TECH UNIVER- SITY

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Professor David Krueger, who after 50 years of teaching at Arkansas Tech University gave his final lecture earlier this week.

Professor Krueger's love of teaching turned into a lifetime of work. What is so great about his commitment to education and his students is that through all of those years he maintained the passion for teaching, earning the Professor of the Year award four times, in addition to being the first recipient of the Arkansas Tech University Faculty Award of Excellence in teaching in 1996.

I commend Professor Krueger for his enthusiasm and dedication for educating our youth, and wish him success as he ends his amazing career, which earned him countless honors and touched even more lives.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an educator whose accomplishments and devotion to Arkansas Tech University will be missed, but never forgotten.

Congratulations and best of luck to Professor Krueger.

PASS A CLEAN ENERGY BILL

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago the Cuyahoga River in Ohio caught fire, and Congress got the message and passed a suite of clean waters bills that cleaned up our waters. Now, with this 5,000-barrel, maybe-plus, oil spill in the Gulf, Congress and the U.S. Senate particularly needs to get the message and pass a clean energy bill that will reduce our addiction, reduce our dependence on oil from any source. We are fully capable of doing this.

This fall, because of a bill we have already passed, the Johnson Controls company will open up a lithium ion battery production facility in Holland, Michigan, to power electric cars. I